

The Fifth Minister, 1900

After another vacancy of 17 months the congregation extended a call to Mr. P. F. Sinclair, M.A., a graduate of the University of Toronto and of Princeton Theological Seminary, N.J. The Presbytery met at the church in Brock, Tuesday, the 28th day of August, 1900, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Sinclair and of inducting him into the pastorate. Rev. J. M. Cameron, of Wick, presided and after service conducted by Rev. A. C. Wishart, B.A., of Beaverton, Mr. Sinclair was duly ordained and inducted as minister. The pastor was then addressed by the Moderator, and the people by Rev. D.W. Best, B.A., of Beaverton. A Highland welcome was given the new pastor in the evening, and the next day found him performing his first marriage ceremony.

In 1900 the congregation subscribed \$600 towards the Century Fund of our Church.

In January, 1902, the Presbytery of Lindsay joined Cresswell congregation to Sunderland, thus leaving St. Andrew's a single congregation.

In 1902 the congregation with great heartiness responded to the appeal of the pastor and subscribed \$1800.00, and thus lifted the mortgage of \$1600.00 on the church. The congregation celebrated their Jubilee in their beautiful church by burning the mortgage, on the evening of September 29th, 1902.

Rev. James Lambie

The Rev. James Lambie was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, of the parish of Tarbolton. He was born in the year 1805, and licensed by the Aul Kirk Presbytery of Ayr as minister of the gospel in 1827.

He was assistant to the Rev. Mr. Reid, of New Curmock, for five years, afterwards assistant to Dr. McLeod, of the parish of Dundonald. Rev. Mr. Reid and Dr. McLeod certify to Mr. Lambie's worth as an earnest, laborious, faithful and self-sacrificing minister of the gospel. On leaving Dundonald he was presented with a gold watch, chain and seals as a mark of esteem.